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RULES AND ORDERS.

I.

General ſtated Meetings.

THAT the Members of the Society ſhall meet at LEICESTER-HOUSE, for Shooting, and other Buſineſs of the Society, every *Monday* and *Friday*, in the Months of APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, and OCTOBER yearly, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon; which ſhall be deemed the Summer Meetings; and at Five o'Clock on the Firſt *Monday* in the Months of NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, and MARCH, to dine together, at ſuch Houſe as the Society ſhall from Time to Time agree upon; which laſt ſhall be deemed Winter Meetings.

II.

Annual Subſcription.

That every Member ſhall annually ſubſcribe at the firſt Summer Meeting, the Sum of THREE GUINEAS; Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence of which ſhall be applicable to the THREE TARGETS; Fifteen Shillings towards the Expences of the Winter Meetings; and the Reſidue to defray the General Expences at *Leiceſter-Houſe*. That Honorary Members ſhall, when preſent, pay Two Shillings at every Summer Meeting, and at the Winter Meetings equal with the other Members preſent.

III.

Election of Officers.

That, at the Meeting in *January* yearly, the PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, and other Officers of the Society, ſhall be elected for the Year enſuing.

IV. That

IV.

Visitors to be introduced by Members.

That no Perſon ſhall be admitted into the Garden at *Leiceſter-Houſe*, or into the TOXOPHILITE Room during the Time of Shooting, unleſs introduced by a Member; and ſuch Member ſhall pay Two Skillings to the General Fund.

V.

None to ſhoot but with Arrows of their own Mark, and in uniform Coat, &c.

That none but Members ſhall be permitted to ſhoot at any Meeting of the Society; nor ſhall any ſhoot but with ARROWS marked in the uſual diſtinguiſhable Manner; nor unleſs dreſſed in his UNIFORM COAT, HAT, and BELT.

VI.

Uniform.

That the Uniform of this Society ſhall conſiſt of a GREEN COAT, and WHITE WAISTCOAT and BREECHES, all of Cloth, with the Arrow Buttons;—in which every Member ſhall appear at

the Shooting of every Target, and every Winter Meeting.

VII.

No ſingle Game to be ſhot for more than 3d. and Rubber 6d.

That no ſingle Game ſhall be ſhot for more than THREEPENCE, nor a Rubber for more than SIXPENCE each Member, under the Penalty of TEN SHILLINGS to the General Fund.

VIII.

Wagers to go to General Fund.

That all Wagers in Money or Liquor, made at any Meeting of the Society, ſhall be applied to the General Fund.

IX.

Admiſſion of Members.

That any Gentleman deſirous of becoming a Member of the Society, ſhall firſt viſit, and then be propoſed by one of the Members at a regular Meeting of the Society; after which the Name and Addition

Addition of ſuch Candidate ſhall be hung up publicly in the TOXOPHILITE ROOM for at leaſt one Week previous to his being ballotted for, if at a Summer Meeting; and if at a Winter Meeting, that Notice thereof ſhall be given in the Summonſes to each Member after ſuch Propoſal, at leaſt ſix Days previous to the ſubſequent Meeting. That ſuch Election ſhall be by Ballot at a Meeting of at leaſt *Nine* Members of the Society; and unleſs there be two Black Balls, ſuch Candidate ſhall be declared duly elected; whereupon he ſhall pay his Admiſſion-Fee of ONE GUINEA to the General Fund, as well as his Proportion of Subſcription for the current Year, and ſhall furniſh himſelf with a Uniform, Bow, Arrows, and other neceſſary Articles for Archery as are now uſed by the Society.

X.

By-laws to be binding.

That beſides theſe General Rules, the By-Laws for regulating the Targets, and other Matters of the Society now agreed upon, ſhall likewiſe be obſerved as a Part of theſe Orders.

XI.

Power to alter or abrogate Laws.

That no Alteration in, or Abrogation of any of theſe Rules ſhall take Place, or new ones be made, until ſuch Alteration, Abrogation, or new Law, ſhall have been propoſed and ſeconded at one regular Meeting, and approved of by Three-fourths of the Members of the Society preſent at a ſubſequent Meeting; one Week's Notice thereof at leaſt being firſt given by the Secretary to all the Members.

Sanction. **In Teſtimony** of our Approbation of, and Intention to abide by theſe INSTITUTIONS, reviſed, corrected, and unanimouſly agreed to at a Meeting of the Society held the 2d Day of *February* laſt, and now confirmed at a Meeting held this Firſt Day of *March*, 1784, we have hereunto ſeverally ſubſcribed our Names.

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BY-LAWS

REFERRED TO

BY THE

GENERAL RULES

OF THE

SOCIETY,

And agreed to the 1ſt Day of *March*, 1784.

I.

Three Targets annually.

THAT, according to ancient Cuſtom, there ſhall be THREE TARGETS ſhot by the Members of this Society annually, *viz.* One on *St. George*'s *Day*, which ſhall be called the EASTER TARGET;

TARGET; another on *His Majesty's Birth-day*, called the WHITSUN TARGET; and the Third on the *Birth-day of the Prince of Wales*, to be called the ANNUAL TARGET.

II.

Place of Shooting. Easter and Whitsun Targets.

That the Place for shooting the EASTER TARGET shall be appointed by the *Captain* and *Lieutenant* winning those Prizes at the Easter Target preceding, who are to have the sole Conduct of the Target and Dinner, &c. and the WHITSUN TARGET shall in like Manner be appointed and conducted by the *Captain* and *Lieutenant* of the preceding Whitsun Target; of which Targets one Week's

previous

previous Notice ſhall be given by the Secretary to each of the Members.

III.

Five Shillings to be appropriated to the Eaſter and Whitſun Targets.

That out of the Annual Subſcription towards Targets, Five Shillings be appropriated to the *Eaſter* and *Whitſun* Targets reſpectively; one half of which ſhall go to the Target Prizes, and be ſhot for according to ancient Cuſtom; the other half towards the Expences of the Day; the Members preſent paying the Remainder in equal Proportion.

IV.

Conducting of the Annual Target.

That the ANNUAL TARGET ſhall be at ſuch Place as the two ANNUAL STEWARDS

STEWARDS ſhall appoint, who ſhall have the ſole Management of that Target and Dinner; with Liberty of appointing their Succeſſors. That Seven Shillings and Sixpence apiece, the Reſidue of the Target-ſubſcription, ſhall be appropriated to the ANNUAL TARGET; of which Five Shillings apiece ſhall be deemed the *Captain's Prize*, and Two Shillings and Sixpence each, divided into inferior Prizes. And every Member preſent at the Annual Target ſhall pay Five Shillings towards the Expence of the Dinner, &c. The reſt to be made good by the Stewards.

V. That

V.

Order of Shooting.

That the Order of Shooting at Targets ſhall be as follows: The Preſident and Vice-preſident firſt; then the Captain and Lieutenant; after them, at the Annual Target, the Stewards; and the reſt of the Members, according to Ballot.

VI.

Captain and Lieutenants Prizes.

That if two Shooters ſhall happen to be in the Gold at the ſame End, the neareſt the Centre ſhall be deemed the CAPTAIN; and in like Manner ſhall the LIEUTENANTS' Prizes be determined; and not the firſt in thoſe Marks reſpectively, as hath been heretofore generally the Cuſtom.

VII. That

VII.

Determination of Disputes.

That all DISPUTES which may ariſe at any Eaſter or Whitſun Target, ſhall be determined by the Preſident, or next Officer in Rank who ſhall be preſent, and not intereſted therein, the Captain and Lieutenant; and ſuch as ſhall happen at any Annual Target, by the Preſident, or next diſintereſted Officer preſent, and the Stewards. *Provided*, That if the Preſident, Captain, Lieutenant, or Stewards, ſhall happen to be intereſted in any ſuch Diſpute, the next diſintereſted Officer or Officers preſent ſhall be Arbitrator or Arbitrators in his or their Stead.

VIII. That

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Any one breaking Glaſſes, &c. to reinſtate ſame.

That every Perſon who ſhall break Glaſſes, or Decanters, or damage other the Property of the Society, ſhall reinſtate the ſame.

IX.

Marriage Feaſt.

That every Member who ſhall happen to marry, ſhall treat the Society with a MARRIAGE FEAST.

THE END.

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